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Attorney's Docket No. 5784-25 (35784/172864)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In-re: Shirley *et al.*
Appl. No.: 09/188,051
Filed: November 6, 1998
For: COMPOSITIONS PROVIDING FOR INCREASED IGF-I SOLUBILITY

Group Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: C. Kam

February 8, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 9, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 31 and 46 to read as follows:

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31. (Once amended) The composition of claim 29, wherein said solubilizing compound is selected from the group consisting of arginine, N-acetyl-arginine, a dipeptide containing arginine, and a tripeptide containing arginine, wherein said dipeptide or said tripeptide increases solubility of said IGF-I or analogue thereof at a pH of at least about 5.5.